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Dr. Hector Garcia 1315 Bright Street 78405 Corpus Christi, TX

Dear Dr. Garcia:

I apologize for any embarrassment that I or my campaign have caused you or the Mexican-American Democrats, both of whose support I value greatly, by permitting my campaign to sell space in our mailer to Supreme Court candidate Jay Gibson.

I would like to point out that I only approved the concept of the tabloid, and not the content.

As you know from my long record in public service and as a private citizen, through the years you and I have supported many mutual causes -- with much success. I am extremely proud of those victories which have moved our state forward.

I expect that my election to the Supreme Court will be another step toward a truly equal justice system in Texas.

That is why I am particularly saddened by any division that I or my campaign created by trying to maximize our campaign dollars by inviting other candidates to participate in the mailing. I made no endorsement of Gibson or any other candidate in the mailing. Nevertheless, it was an insensitive decision.

There were extenuating circumstances, as you may know. One is that the Supreme Court Justice Committee was formed for the expressed purpose of defeating me. The minutes of the organization meetings indicate that the committee also sought to re-elect Justice Gonzalez. Later the committee's operatives and various candidates' campaign consultants, including my opponents', became one and the same. While